Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound of Formula I:

$$W + \bigcup_{N \in \mathbb{R}} N$$

where:

W is a ring selected from the group consisting of:

Y is \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}^1 :

R is C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkylene)- $(C_3$ - C_6 cycloalkyl), SO_2R^7 , phenyl, or benzyl optionally substituted on the phenyl ring with one or two substituents selected from halo;

R¹ is hydrogen, amino, or methyl;

R² is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl;

R³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, trifluoromethyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)thio, 1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)eth-2-oxy, and 1-(piperidin-1-yl)eth-2-oxy; or

 R^2 and R^3 taken together form either the group $-(CH_2)_n$ - where n is 2 or 3 or the group - CH=CH-;

R⁴ is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo and trifluoromethyl;

 R^5 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, trifluoromethyl, $(C_1$ - C_6 alkyl)thio, 1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)eth-2-oxy, and 1-(piperidin-1-yl)eth-2-oxy;

R⁶ is hydrogen or ethoxymethyl;

R⁷-is C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or dialkylamino where each alkyl group is independently selected from C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; provided that:

- (a) when W is (i), then at least one of R² and R³ is hydrogen or methyl; and
- (b) R may be SO_2R^7 only when either W is isoxazole (vii) or Y is N, or R may be SO_2R^7 when both W is isoxazole (vii) and Y is N;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A compound of Claim 1, where W is a ring of formula (i).

Claim 3 (Original): A compound of Claim 2, where Y is C-R¹ and R¹ is amino.

Claim 4 (Original): A compound of Claim 3, where R is C_1 - C_8 alkyl.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

Claims 6-7 (canceled)